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Drug/Alcohol Addiction among Juveniles
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children in juvenile homes who are addicted to drugs/alcohol, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has conducted any study/survey of children living in juvenile homes to understand their behaviour;
(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the findings so as to de-addict the juveniles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) No such data is maintained centrally by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
(b) to (d) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has reported that they have conducted a study on children living in Juvenile Homes to understand their behavior in States of Maharashtra and Rajasthan. This study was conducted by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The study has made detailed analysis of the magnitude, nature and trend of offences by the juveniles along with socio-economic and demographic characteristics that lead to juvenile offences. Among other issues, the study has also made recommendations and proposed a framework for rehabilitation. The study is not specific to problem of addiction among juveniles.

However, the Ministry is implementing the centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme for rehabilitation and reintegration of children in difficult circumstance. The State Government shall provide financial assistance to set up and administer such shelter Homes of which at least one Shelter Home in the State is to be notified and designated by the State Government/UT Administrations as Home for the care, detoxification and counselling of children affected by substance abuse.
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